

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 9 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 have been amended. New claim 9 has been added.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,937,160 (Davis) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,964,013 (Ono).

Applicants respectfully submit that currently amended independent claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 are patentable over the references, as neither Davis nor Ono, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests, "while allowing the computer to generate the HTML document in accordance with specifications of the extended tag without maintaining the extended tag itself."

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Davis does not specifically teach the deleting operation of the present invention. The Examiner alleges, however, that Ono teaches the feature.

In contrast to the present invention, Applicants respectfully submit that Ono merely discloses the deletion of a tag and the deletion of the document area assigned a tag. Therefore, in Ono, an HTML document is not generated in accordance with specifications of an extended tag, as all of the information in the assigned document area is deleted in Ono, along with the tag. See Ono, column 7, lines 13-18. Such an operation is unrelated to the operation of the present invention in which an HTML document is generated *in accordance with specifications* of the extended tag, although the tag itself is deleted.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 are patentable over the references, as neither Davis nor Ono, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the above-identified feature of the present invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 9 is patentable over the references, as neither of the references, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests, "recognizing a presence of an extended tag; and generating an extended HTML document in accordance with specifications of the extended tag while eliminating the extended tag itself."

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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